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DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated for development of horticulture in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(b) the present status of the each scheme; and

(c) the further steps being taken by the Government for promotion of horticulture in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government of India implemented Horticulture Developmentalschemes during 8th and 9th Plan in all the States and Union Territories including Bihar. Since October, 2000, the schemes of Horticulture have been subsumed in the CentrallySponsored Scheme on macro management of Agriculture − supplementation/complementation of States` efforts through work plans. The programmes of the scheme are now implemented by the States through work plan. Under this scheme the States have greater flexibility to priorities their needs as per the requirement of the States.

Under the macro management scheme, funds amounting to Rs.261.07 lakhs and Rs.1800 lakhs have been made available to the State during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively. Development of Horticulture is a priority area in Bihar under this scheme.

Besides, National Horticulture Board is also implementing HorticulturalDevelopment programmes including post-harvest management in all the States/UTs. National Horticulture Research and Development Foundation has also taken uppromotion of vegetables including onion and potato in Bihar.